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Backcountry camping the first time is a lesson for the future, which can provide details for future excursions. /Photo by Steve Galea

Prime time for canoe camping

STEVE GALEA
Outdoors

There is no better time to camp than late summer and early fall. Temperatures are more comfortable, bugs are less of an issue, the water is still warm enough, and, most importantly, the crowds are gone. As a result, this time of year offers an abundance of quiet days and backcountry solitude, which, to me, are the best parts of any camping experience.

Better still, in Haliburton County you do not have to travel far to find these opportunities – especially, if you don't mind placing all your gear in a canoe and paddling to a campsite that lies beyond a portage or two.

The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails is one such example of a local camping opportunity that is arguably every bit as nice as Algonquin Park and less busy in late summer and autumn. Like Algonquin Park, you can choose to walk, drive, or paddle into a campsite. But, if you want to get into a real backcountry experience, paddling is the most practical way.

Jenn and I are normally backpackers but, of late, she's taken a greater interest in canoe camping. This suits me just fine since I generally prefer it because of a couple of pleasant spin offs – namely, the swimming and fishing opportunities that accompany it. Also, there is nothing like paddling and portaging when it comes to enjoying the scenic views that are around every vista of the backcountry. Your whole trip is one, long beautiful panorama.

So, what does a trip like this take?

Well, it takes planning. For those new at it, I would suggest starting with challenging, but achievable goals. Maybe plan to get into a lake one or two short, straightforward portages back and stay a day or two. Don't make that first trip so much work that it is not enjoyable.

Instead, find a pleasant destination, get there, set up camp and then explore the lake you are on and perhaps make day trips in adjoining waters if the mood strikes. Get a sense of camp life and the rhythms of a day in the backcountry. Figure out the parts you like and the parts you enjoy less, then keep them in mind when planning the next trip. For example, if long portages are not your thing, choose routes that avoid or minimize them.

One thing new and occasional canoe adventurers should also do is take note of the gear and food carried and then adjust accordingly for next time. The thought is, "We are putting all this gear into a canoe and not needing to carry it except over the portages so we can probably bring a few more luxuries."

That thought often comes back to haunt you on a long, hilly portage, however. And there always comes a time during a shakedown trip when you realize you have too much of one thing and not enough of another. So, consider that first trip an enjoyable learning experience.

Back to the planning part. In the days prior to any trip, it's best to lay out your gear early and go through a checklist as you pack it. Obviously, that list should include a portable stove and mess kit, food, inflatable

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Adventure for Highlands' residents doesn't have to be far. The view of Sherborne Lake from a campsite managed by the Haliburton Water Trails. /Photos by Steve Galea

A canoe made of Kevlar is a lightweight alternative to heavier options.

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sleeping mattresses, personal hygiene items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, and biodegradable soaps, a reliable water purification system (and backup) and a system that enables you to hoist things up the limbs of nearby trees to keep food out of reach of racoons and bears. Add to that, an appropriately sized tent, a lightweight tarp, sleeping bags, headlamps or flashlights, some sort of bear repelling device, a bit of duct tape, water bottles, a multi-tool, hatchet or camp saw, fire-making kit, a reasonable amount of paracord (it has so many uses) and enough clothing to get you through the worst weather in the forecast.

Oh, and a lightweight canoe, if a portage is in the works. (If you don't have one, consider renting or borrowing a Kevlar canoe.)

You will initially take too many items. But after a few trips you will have evaluated what is actually used and useful and what is worth carrying, despite the weight. The latter are the luxury items whose weight is justified by the enjoyment they bring. One such item might be a portable camping coffee press. For me, it is a lightweight hammock.

All it takes is a trip or two to figure out what is and isn't needed to enjoy a trip like this. You'll learn and refine that list every trip thereafter. And, as you go to bed, happily tired, filled with fresh air, scented by campfire smoke, and bathed by the light of countless stars, you'll listen to the loons wail and the barred owls call, and you will smile and wonder not if there is a next trip, but rather where it will take you.

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Focus on connections for fall

AMANDA DUNCOMBE-LEE
Point in Time

This past summer seemed to feel exceptionally busy for many families in Haliburton County and across the province. Many felt an urgency to make up for lost time and prioritized reconnecting with friends and extended family. But some would say fall traditionally feels like the busiest season, with the transition back to school, back from vacation, back to routines, and back to planning for Thanksgiving, Halloween and Christmas, which seem to rush up in succession more quickly every year.

It's easy to forget the value of "check-ins" with all the running around. But keeping up our connections needn't be a formal process or feel like work. It could be asking your child to help pick out a recipe for dinner or help you cook a meal or bake some cookies. It could be a short walk down the road after dinner or watching a family movie. A coffee with a partner or housemate before the workday starts. Logging off social media and connecting authentically by surprising an old friend with a phone call.

While some of us may be out of practice after the challenging and sometimes alienating experience of the last two years, social connection remains critical for mental and physical health as well as emotional development. Forming and sustaining authentic reciprocal relationships is a basic need, with studies showing that regular connections – whether it be a meal or a coffee or a shared hobby or an annual reunion – can actually boost longevity.

Keeping our hearts and minds open can have bigger picture implications too. Building and sustaining our social connections can create a common sense of purpose, relatedness, and even shared vulnerability that helps build on our strengths and resilience as a community – something we need more than ever.

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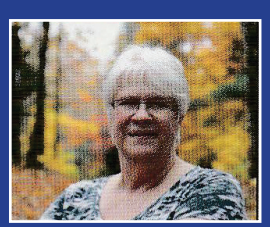

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Keeping kids safe

JANET TRULL

Special to County Life

It's no secret that I loved school. But I was not blind to the fact that school was a horrible torture chamber for many. Not much better than the Victorian warehouses of the industrial age where kids did dangerous jobs for pennies a week. Unsafe jobs that the adults couldn't do, like crawling under whirring machinery to fix broken parts. We all watched *Oliver*. If you weren't in the workhouse, you were on the street, picking pockets for Fagin.

Egerton Ryerson pushed for public education in Ontario, starting in the 1850s. All kids would go to school and enjoy its opportunities and privileges. He was recently cancelled, his statue toppled and his name struck from a certain Toronto university because some of his writings influenced the Canadian Indian residential school system. It was established after his death, so he didn't have a hand in the brutality that accompanied it, but it's hard to voice opinions from the grave. That's not what I meant! he may have been yelling. How can we ever know?

In any case, pioneer schoolhouses popped up all over Ontario thanks to Egerton, including here, in Haliburton County. They were run by kindly teachers. Yes, yes. They had leather straps in their desk drawers to keep the big bad boys who sat at the back with pea shooters in line. It was called discipline in those days, not corporal punishment.

In the 1930s, a new Ontario Curriculum was published. The Programme of Studies booklet. Every teacher had a copy. The "Little Grey Book" laid out a basic philosophy for teaching and learning that focused on: The three "Rs". Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic. Neatness in written work (if it was sloppy, the page was ripped out and you did it again at recess or after school.) Orderliness in procedures and respect for your elders (when the principal or the inspector entered the room, you stood and said in unison, "Good morning, Mr. So-and-so.") Rote learning for addition, subtraction, multiplying and dividing. Practice, practice, practice. School wasn't perfect. But it was safe. Kids hardly ever lost an eye at school. Unsafe things happened on weekends and summer holidays.

Children are protected from physical harm now, but face greater mental health challenges than decdes before.

Time marches on. Recent studies point out there are new ways for kids to be unsafe. In the olden days, kids were more likely to sustain serious injuries from accidents. They fell out of trees and jumped into dark water. They were bit by snakes and stray dogs. As teens they courted danger. They played chicken on railway tracks. They drove drunk. The eleven o'clock news asked parents, "Do you know where your children are?"

Now, no one stays up until eleven o'clock. We are all tucked safely in bed. Parents provide constant supervision, day and night. Unless kids are at school, exposed to bullying and plagues and low expectations. Or, kids are in their bedrooms, lost in the Badlands of Mine Craft and Tik Tok. Our children and grandchildren are physically safe. They rarely jump onto moving trains or swing from rusty monkey bars. But they are in more danger than ever. Serious mental health concerns are making them anxious and self-loathing and depressed and angry and very, very sorry for themselves. Helmets and goggles and imposed safety regulations can't help.

They suffer from debilitating migraines and psychotic disorders and body dysmorphia and a million invisible ailments that are much more cruel and much harder to heal than a broken bone or a cut that needs stitches.

Last week, I watched the beautiful children waiting for yellow school buses. Their sweet faces filled me with hope. Hope that parents and teachers and all child advocates can find new ways to guide our kids through the murky depths of growing up in 2022. Education must offer kids a vision of possibilities rather than pessimism. Goals that require hard work and resilience. We need future generations who can put out the fires and come up with sustainable ways to inhabit this little blue planet. We need leaders who don't incite hatred. We need a miracle. I leave it with you. Good luck, one and all.

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The pale blue dot

"We live on a floating rock," is my friend's response every time I'm having trouble making a decision.

It always makes me laugh, but truly, it's the one and only thing I need to be convinced to make a decision.

Not only that, but it pushes me to choose the decision that I know I want to make but am maybe too scared to actually follow through with.

VIVIAN COLLINGS
County Life Staff

The mentality is this: We live on a round chunk of rock floating through space.

This rock is flying at a speed of 100,000 kilometres per hour in an orbit that is 150 million kilometres away from the sun.

This is known as one astronomical unit.

One astronomical unit is a small window of distance from the sun that is able to sustain life.

That's more than convenient. That's beyond lucky.

The sunlight streaming through your windows right now took eight minutes to get to Earth.

Light travels 300,000 kilometres per second.

For comparison, if your car is travelling 100 kilometres per hour, it is travelling 0.028 kilometres per second.

Set eight minutes on your timer and see how long it feels while thinking about light travelling through darkness.

The rock below your feet is as old as Earth itself, so approximately 4.5 billion years.

It gets continuously recycled in Earth's mantle and pushed back out where tectonic plates join or where there is volcanic activity.

Much like the recycling of rain in the water cycle, it's called the rock cycle.

Two hundred kilometres below your feet is molten rock ranging from 1,000 to 3,000 degrees Celsius.

Earth's core is even hotter.

So, not only is our rock flying through space, but the seemingly solid crust of our planet is floating on tectonic plates above incomprehensibly hot molten rock.

Are you still worrying about a worldly decision you have to make?

Let's factor in some more distances.

Remember that the distance between the Earth and Sun is one astronomical unit.

Our solar system is predicted to be 79 astronomical units wide.

Now, we need another unit: light years.

There are 63,241 astronomical units in one light year.

If something is one light year away, it also means it takes the light produced or reflected by that object one year to reach us.

The closest solar system to ours is 4.3 light years away.

There are 100 thousand million stars in our Milky Way galaxy alone.

The next closest galaxy is 70,000 light years away.

It is estimated that there are two trillion galaxies in our observable universe.

Keep in mind that the light from some of the stars and galaxies we observe is billions of years old.

These stars may be long dead, but we will never know in our lifetime.

The universe is likely vastly different from what we see, but we will never know.

Let's go back to our "pale blue dot."

When the Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 spacecrafts were sent on a mission to exit the solar system, one of them took a photo looking back.

Other planets were easily visible dots in the photograph, but the Earth was a tiny spec that scientists thought was dust.

Astronomer and astrophysicist Carl Sagan famously said, "Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it, everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every being who ever was, lived out their lives ... on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam."

If you get caught up in worrying about material things and feel the urge to conform to whatever our society wants you to do or to be, take a step outside, touch the billion-year-old sand on the ground, and feel the warmth of UV rays that left the Sun eight minutes before, and then, make your decision.

Top 10 reasons why migratory birds might reconsider flying south

NOW THAT autumn is almost here, most of our local birds are considering migrating south once again. But, climate change aside, there are plenty of good reasons why some shouldn't. Here are the top 10.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. US no longer very nice to undocumented immigrants.
2. Less office windows to hit in Canada.
3. If they just hung back, the hawks would have to go vegan.
4. Far more cat ladies in the US equals far more cats.
5. Socialized bird feeding in Canada.
6. Have you seen the price of bird feed?
7. Ospreys, kingfishers, mergansers and loons thinking this might be the year to take up ice fishing.
8. American waterfowlers and bird hunters have the right to be more heavily armed.
9. Canadian bird house market much more reasonable.
10. This year, family wanting to try a winter destination.

Majesty

Charcoal clouds
shrouding the stillness of the willow,
its spine, stooped, its branches, drooping towards the pond,
where colonies of lily-pads float, shrunken and brown,
a frog croaking in the reeds, breeze weaving through them.
I slouch on the grass, leaning my back against the trunk of another willow,
peering across the pond at the matriarch of the park,
a pair of seagulls circling the old willow's crown,
their screeches drowning the chorus of frogs.
For decades, the willow has flourished here,
her presence, a comfort and balm,
other willows springing up all around her, scattered throughout the park,
some missing limbs, felled by Wind or rotted by age,
some of their branches growing sideways,
pathways for squirrels to scurry across, before they streak up the trunk of the tree.
How many years have my feet led me back here,
to just sit and be in the presence of the grandmother willow,
her majesty never waning, no matter the season,
no matter the scorch or storm or Snow,
her crown gleaming gold in autumnal Sun,
her branches dripping green, each spring,
a resting place for returning birds to nestle in.
A seagull lands on the grass, a few feet away from where I sprawl,
still as a statue, it stares, as I fish into my pockets for crumbs,
tossing it crusts that it devours, then squawks for more.
No more, I mumble to the gull, as it wobbles around the trunk of the tree,
towards the reeds that rustle in the breeze,
ripples forming on the surface of the pond,
stained green from the reflections of the willows, fringing its edge,
the croaks of frogs puncturing Air, as puddles of ink clouds spill across Sky.
I wonder whether it's true, that a willow's roots grow as deep as its branches stretch high,
as I rise from the ground, the first beads of Rain beginning to fall,
their patter silencing the frogs and the hungry gull,
that's lifted its wings into the Air,
flapping beyond the treetops, into the darkening Sky.
I walk around the circumference of the pond,
watching the droplets of Rain widen into circles that dissolve into one another,
the sound, as it pelts the tresses of the old willow,
standing guard over the park for nearly a century,
her spine, stooped, her branches drooping towards the pond,
skimming the shrunken colonies of lily-pads, whose roots sway beneath the surface.
I stroke the trunk of the grandmother willow,
So Long,
taking for granted that she'll always be here,
to provide shelter and solace and shade,
on days when I need to just sit and breathe beneath her branches,
or peer at her majesty from across the pond,
stoic and serene, the strength of her roots growing deep,
seeping into the seeds and tendrils of future trees.

Sylvie Kalenda

Urge for going

Wind shifts key and whistles slightly
Branches nervous, less-than-still
Energy seems clinging tightly
Poised for final word to spill

Lonely voice in tired treetops
Thinner hold on rainbow load
Yet another brilliant leaf drops
Adding shock to gravel road

Underfoot old grasses snapping
Feather seeds faint into ground
Squirrels, madly acorn-trapping
Hustle as if ghosts abound

Grouping birds become more vocal
Honking goose and cawing crow
Some will leave and some stay local
Restless bones can smell the snow.

Deborah J Reed

Harvest moon

Advent of the harvest moon was graced by
farm dog's bark
Technically still summer, but new chill came
after dark
Baleful hound, plus random tweet of wood frog
under brush -
Neither interrupted mood, but lent the dusk
more hush

Radiance from indoors beckoned cozy warmish light
Comfort lived there, not the scary things that bump
at night
Garden hugged us in it too, still green in
broadest day
We two built a fire through the sunset overlay

Tangled twigs and ancient leaves sent crispy
flame to air
Heat dropped like a liquid on the windfall
gathered there
Some wild thing then flashed red eyes
from closest edge of woods
Slinked back into shadow to case other
neighbourhoods

Soon the Milky Way became apparent to our gaze
Full moon interfered a bit, as did our snapping blaze
While we blinked, Big Dipper morphed into its
famous form
Each of us identified it same time, same brainstorm

But from peace came interruption by a throaty growl
Swiftly from two lawn chairs leapt two pals with
startled howl
One of us doused bonfire with a trusty pail of rain
Other switched on flashlight for the safety we
might gain

Then we sprinted several metres to our
bright back door
Suddenly skywatchers needn't stay out any more
Lunar energetics clearly called to more than folk:
Something hungry waited to advance through
muffled smoke

We inside knew likely that the mystery outdoors
Ambled to our apple tree on all its furry fours
Appetite for winter plus our appetite for bliss
Caused two natures under moon to choose a night
like this.

Deborah J Reed

Legion Events

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m. Schofield Room.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays:
Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall.
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Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
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Old car, old stove

BARB ROSEN

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I always read the "merchandise for sale" signs at the supermarket in Haliburton: "Stove for sale as new, owner will deliver, $100." I definitely needed a stove. I called the owner and was able to drive to his home and see the stove that day. It was in his garage. It was "as new."

"I'll buy it and pay you. When can you deliver it?"

"Would tomorrow be OK?"

"Sure."

When I drove back to the cottage, I had my work cut out—get the old stove out of the cottage and figure out how to unload it before the "as new" one arrived.

The 1999 Mazda known to some as a "lady driven" car was battered and beaten by me, the owner. I traded it in for an upscale 2007 Toyota Corolla, complete with leather upholstery, a sunroof, and a working radio/CD player. It was a "no hassle" purchase from the Toyota dealer.

"You made me feel like a queen," I said to the sales rep.

However, the big thanks goes to my mechanic, Leo, who put me in touch with the Toyota dealership.

"You only buy the car after it has been mechanically checked out by me, Mrs. Rosen," instructed Leo. I have known Leo for more than 40 years, more than my former marriage of 31 years. We have developed a trustworthy, respectful relationship and shared many stories. Leo has helped me keep all my "lady driven" cars on the road as long as possible. And when I asked Leo if the Mazda, was still drivable, his response was, "Mrs. Rosen, it's time."

And like the old car, it was time to replace the old yellow cottage stove. I had just purchased and "as new" one in Haliburton for $100 and it included free delivery the very next day. I was by myself that weekend at the cottage. I was somehow hoping I could load the old stove in or onto the old 'lady driven' car before replacing it the next week. I decided to call Randy.

"No, I don't have a truck," said my handyman friend Randy.

"I can't take the stove. And no, Barb, there's no way you can load it into or on top of your car."

As I stared at the stove my curiosity got the better of me. I wondered if it could be somehow taken apart. I noticed the back of the stove was screwed on with square screws. I got my Robertson screwdriver, my favourite. It belonged to my dad. I liked its clear handle and how connected I felt to it. I decided to take on the stove project outside on the porch. I always felt more relaxed in the great outdoors. I managed to slide the stove out of the kitchen on a carpet and onto the porch. I managed to unscrew the back. I noticed the whole stove seemed to be held together with just the same square screws.

"Wow! How amazing is that!" I said. I'll just keep going and see what happens. I proceeded to unscrew the top, then the sides. I filled up a garbage bag with the insulation that included some mouse droppings. I began to move its parts and fit them in to my car. I ended up with just the oven box that fitted nicely into my front seat.

And I drove away from the cottage that weekend with my personal belongings and, yes, the remnants of what had once been the yellow stove. En route back to Toronto, I stopped at the local dump and disposed of the stove.

"Yes, Randy," I chuckled to myself, there is a way."

This is part of the collection of work, Tales of a mermaid on Eagle Lake.

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Halls Island Artist Residency community event
When: Saturday, Oct. 1, 1 to 3 p.m.
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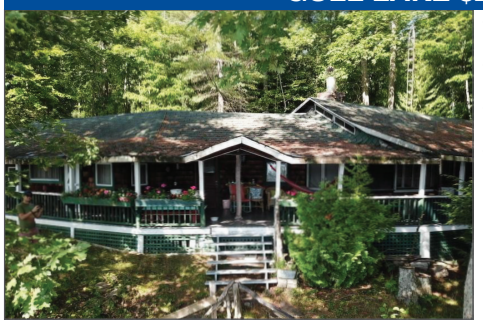

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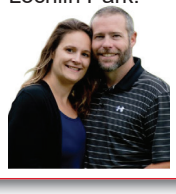

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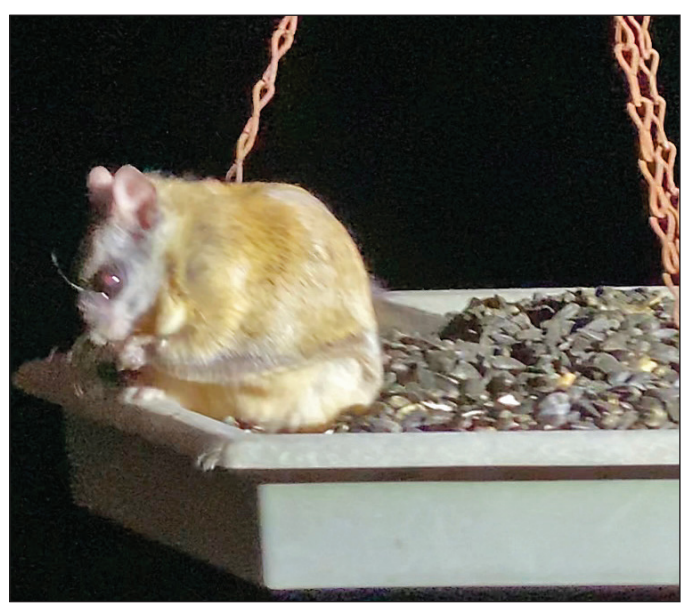

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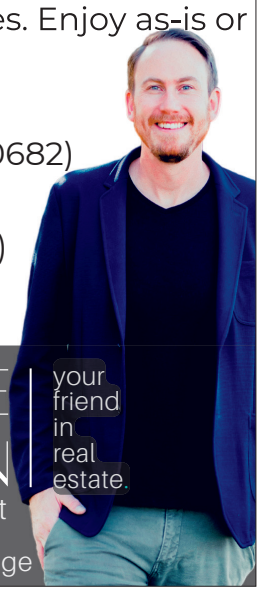

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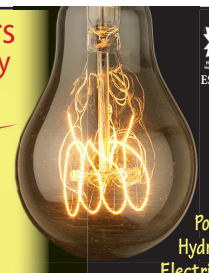

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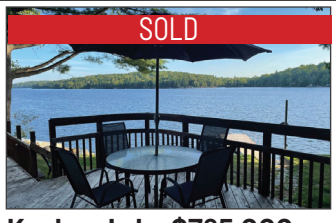

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Kushog Lake $785,000

- Big Lake Views
- Western Exposure
- Sandy Bottom
- Deep Off Dock

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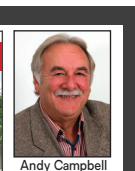
Hunter Creek Rd $1,400,000

- Class B licensed pit & quarry
- 88 acres close to Minden
- Potential to sever lots



Andy Campbell
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Pine Lake $1,199,000

- 5 Beds / 3 Baths, 2,400 Sq Ft
- 1.36 Acres, Heated 3 Car Garage
- Outdoor Kitchen, Hot Tub & Guesthouse
- Open House on September 25th 11am-1pm!

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Kennisis Lake $1,395,000

- 3 Beds / 1 Bath Home or Ctg w/ 120ft frontage
- New Upgrades, All Windows, Roof, Insulation
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- Unbelievable Beach & Views, Sunsets, Boat Hse

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HALIBURTON HOME – $509,900

- 0.52 Acres, 132 Ft Road Frontage, 1321 Sq Ft
- 3 Bdrm, 4 pc, Bath, Many Upgrades
- Attached Workshop, Metal Roof, Dbl Driveway
- Walk to Town Amenities, Minutes to Boat Launch

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Beech Lake $819,000

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- Updated throughout with stunning landscaping
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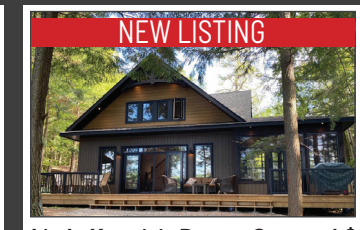

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Little Kennisis Dream Cottage! $1,999,900

- Custom timber-frame Discovery Dream Home
- 3 bedrooms with loft, plus bunkie
- Sunset views, 110' deep clean shoreline

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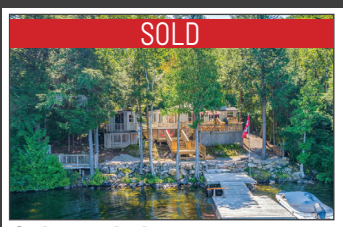
Haliburton Home $599,900

- Updated, open concept 3 bedrooms bungalow
- Full basement with high ceilings finish to your taste
- Spacious & private 2+acre parcel just outside town
- Plus a large Quonset hut with separate driveway

Donna McCallum*
455-2054

Oblong Lake $649,000

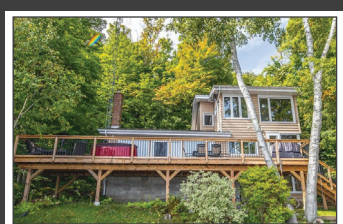
- 0.9-acre parcel with north-western exposure
- Over 700 feet of clean, sand & rock frontage
- Driveway installed & building site partially cleared
- Part of a 2-lake chain with premium Haliburton Lake



Brandon Nimigon***
457-2128 x 127

Salerno Lake

- 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 935 sq. ft.
- 102ft of Waterfront, Delightful Lakeside Bunkie
- Private Lot with Clean, Clear Waterfront
- Year Round, Private Road



Karen Nimigon**
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Drag Lake $1,499,000

- 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 1600 sq. ft.
- Child-friendly sand beach
- 2-lake boating
- Updated, 4 Season & close to town

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Kirsten Rae*
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Haliburton Condo $749,000

- Luxurious waterfront condo in Haliburton
- 1117 sq ft, 2 bath, 2 bedrooms plus den/office
- Many upgrades plus incredible water views from every room!

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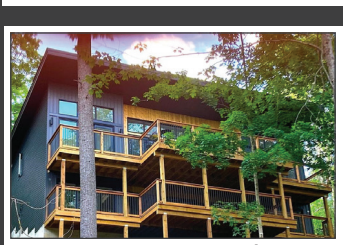
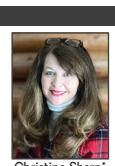
Loop Road

- $189,000
- Very Private
- 4+ Acreage in Harcourt
- Several Choices of Building Sites





Christine Sharp*
705-489-9968

Modern Treehouse $989,000

- 3 Bdrm/2 Bath, 2,400 Sq Ft
- Two 600 SF decks overlooking Drag River
- Facing South For All Day Sun
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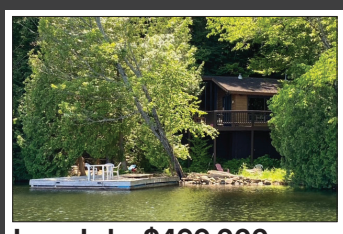

Greg Stamp*
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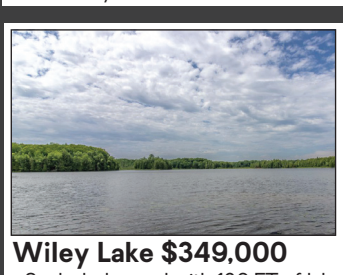
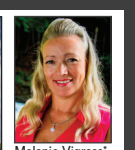
Loon Lake $499,000

- 2 Bdrm / 1Bath, 500 sqft
- 187 feet of Very Clean Waterfront
- Sits on 1.273 Acres
- Water Access Only





Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 232

Wiley Lake $349,000

- Secluded parcel with 130 FT of lake frontage
- Clean shoreline with North-Western exposure
- 2.3-acres to build your dream escape
- No motor lake with great fishing & paddling!

Tom Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 225

Salerno Lake: $349,000

- 172' waterfront Lot
- 1.17 acres
- Sunset exposure
- Ideal for walkout basement

Andrea Wilson**
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Haliburton Home $625,000

- 4 Beds / 2 Baths, 2500 Sq Ft
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LOOK INSIDE

Detour ahead

Repairs over the next six weeks to make Horseshoe Lake bridge safer.

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Kirkwood house

HHSS does not yet know what it's going to do with its newest acquisition

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In remembrance

The Minden Legion hosted its annual Decoration Day service at the cenotaph.

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For hospice

The Pentney family has donated $1,000 to help keep hospice going.

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In Quotes

"If you have a gorgeous home you're not going to stick those 911 signs on your home. I wouldn't do it."

Eleanor Harrison on page 1

Darren Lum/TIMES

Running to find a cure

Tara O'Sullivan runs through the long grass along the trail that snakes behind the Minden Community Centre as part of Archie Stouffer Elementary School's participation in last Friday's Terry Fox Run. The students raised more than $600 for cancer research. More photos are on page 14.

Pretty or safe?

County council debates whether to force village homeowners to put up reflective 911 numbers

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Times Staff

It's an argument of aesthetics versus caution as the county debates whether to force people in Minden and Haliburton to put standardized 911 numbers on their homes.

On one side there are county councillors such as Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison and Highlands East Deputy-reeve Bill Howe. They want property owners to be able to put up decorative numbers as long as they fit certain size restrictions.

On the other side are Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis and Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon. They think home owners should nail the standardized white-on-blue reflective numbers next to their front door.

"We have to get it resolved," 911 co-ordinator Stephen Foster said at Wednesday's county council meeting. "We either are consistent and go with white and blue, which serves emergency personnel well, or consider the aesthetics issue."

Harrison said, "If you have a gorgeous home you're not going to stick those 911 signs on your home. I wouldn't do it."

Davis said the issue didn't affect her because she didn't live in a town.

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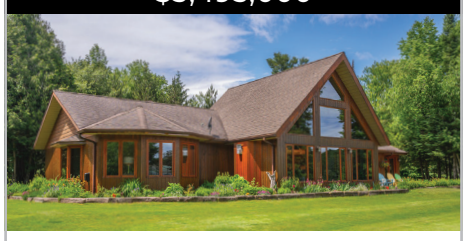

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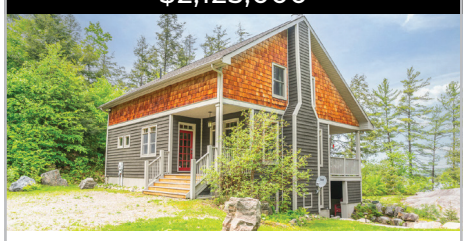
2 X BATH · 620 FT. FRONTAGE · MLS# 40279170

KENNISIS LAKE
$2,125,000



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3 X BATH · 642.78 FT. FRONTAGE · MLS# 40275471

KENNISIS LAKE
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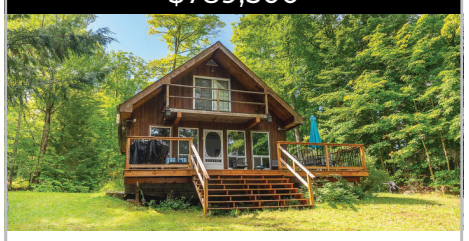

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$395,000

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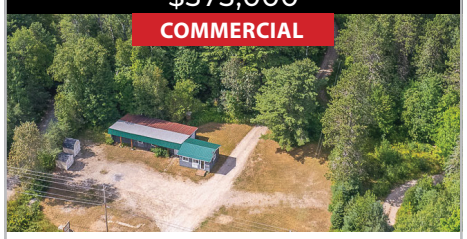

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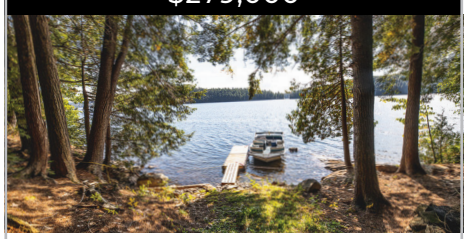
$279,000



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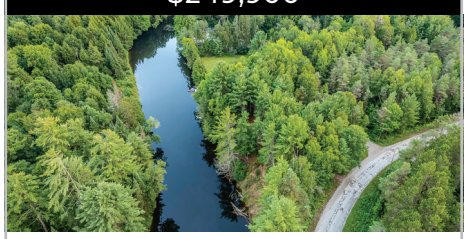

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HARBURN RD.
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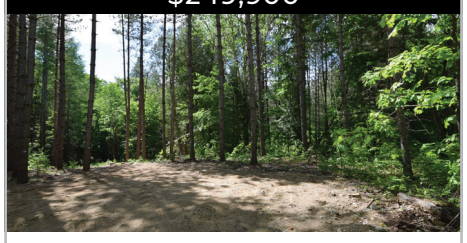

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KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE
$789,000

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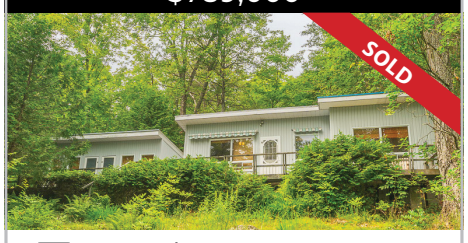

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REDSTONE LAKE
$849,000

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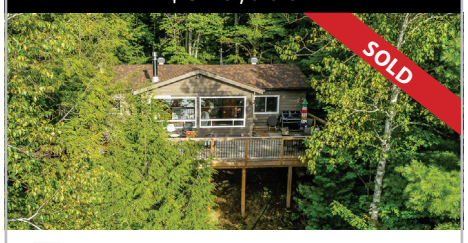

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$895,000

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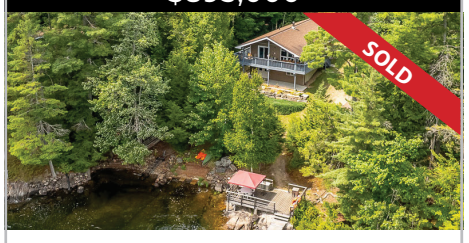

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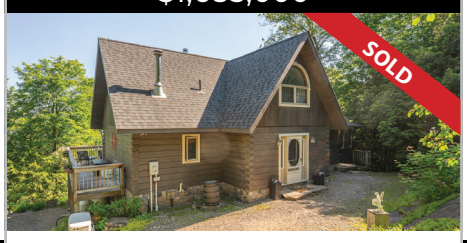

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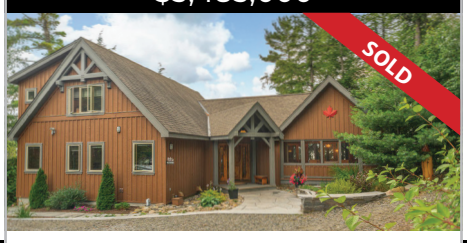

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THE MARKET THIS MINUTE

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MARKET BALANCE

At the end of August 2022, the market was well balanced, favouring neither buyers nor sellers.

BENCHMARK PRICE UP 6.5%

The benchmark price was $725,400 in August 2022, up 6.5% from $681,100 in August 2021

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